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PRICE FIVE CENTS

## HITCHCOCK DECLINES

### Chairmanship Owing to Ill Health

### NEEDS A GOOD REST

### Will Postpone Action of Chairmanship and Treasurership Until July 1

### TAFT FAVORS THE ACTION

Hitchcock is in State Bordering a Nervous Collapse, But Proceedings Will Not Eliminate Him From Further Consideration.

CINCINNATI, June 20.—Secretary Taft's visit to his home town so far as he is concerned the selection of a republican national chairman was a fruitless mission. Frank H. Hitchcock might have had the chairmanship, but at the last moment he declined to permit the use of his name because of the condition of his health. Hitchcock states his physical condition is such as to render him substantially impossible to undertake the numerous duties of a campaign manager at this time. It is significant that after a conference lasting two hours, Taft, Sherman and the other members of the sub-committee of the national convention decided to postpone the action on the chairmanship and treasurership of the national committee until July 1.

The conference was entirely executive. Despite however, the agreement reached that the subject should not be discussed by the parties to it, it is known that considerable difference of opinion arose as to the choice of a national chairman. Taft, it can be said, feels that in all circumstances it would be a part of wisdom to postpone the definite action on both offices for the time. He says Hitchcock is in the state bordering on a nervous collapse and he needs a good rest.

It can be said that the proceedings today have not eliminated Hitchcock from the consideration and that he will undoubtedly be an important factor in the equation which will be reduced by the conferees when they meet at Washington on July 1. Taft will remain here until tomorrow when he will go to New Haven to attend a meeting of the Yale corporation and to be present at the reunion of his class, that of 1878, and on Wednesday he will attend the commencement at Yale. It is not unlikely that he will attend the Yale-Harvard boat race on Thursday. Sherman left tonight for Cleveland. Tomorrow night he will leave that city for Buffalo on a lake steamer and arrive at Utica on Monday afternoon. It has been notified that his fellow townsmen expect to give him a royal welcome on his home-coming.

CHICAGO, June 20.—The republican leaders from all sections of the country refuse to accept as final Hitchcock's decision not to accept the chairmanship of the national committee, but Hitchcock persists. Hitchcock looks tired and worn out, but several of his warmest friends argued with him that he will have plenty of time to rest before it is necessary to open headquarters but he gave them no satisfaction. There is a considerable number of members of the National committee opposed to the selection of Hitchcock and no doubt this is responsible in no small

degree for his determination to withdraw. He informed some of his friends today that he accomplished all he set out to do, viz: Taft's nomination, and that he could now retire with good grace. A persistent report has it that Hitchcock has been invited to meet Taft Tuesday, but this could not be confirmed. Among those mentioned to succeed Hitchcock are Postmaster-General Meyer and Governor Herrick. It was stated that neither of them wants the task but nevertheless none others are mentioned seriously.

### A LONELY TRIP

#### 8 Year Old Boy Makes Journey Alone From Russia.

NEW YORK, June 20.—Completing a lonely 7,000 mile trip from Slobin, Russia, eight year old Liebalter, traveling under his own care, arrived here on the Prinz Frederick Wilhelm. He will depart within the next few days for Des Moines, Iowa, where he will join his father, who has been in this country for two years. Young Alter is being cared for while in New York by the Hebrew Sheltering House. Unless the officials of the home are able to find some person going West, the boy will be compelled to finish his journey alone.

### FIRE AT SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

SPRINGFIELD, O., June 20.—The Victor Rubber Tire Company's plant at Snyderville, three miles from here is burning. The plant is valued at \$75,000. Seven houses also are burning. There is a high wind and the town is threatened.

## BIG FOREST FIRES

### Sweeps Over Thousands of Acres in Michigan

### DESTROYS THREE VILLAGES

### Hundreds Are Homeless—Estimated Damage Over \$200,000—Heaviest Loss at Presque Isle and Cheboygan Counties.

DETROIT, June 20.—The fires in Northern Michigan forests were fanned to great proportions by gales of the last two days and have destroyed at least three villages, rendered hundreds homeless. The fire has swept over thousands of acres of timberlands and caused a damage of \$200,000. The heaviest loss is at Presque Isle and Cheboygan counties, although Lelanau, Charlevoix and Otsego have also suffered. The village of Case, Presque Isle county, was destroyed today and people were taken to Onaway on a train. Legende, Cheboygan county, were abandoned to the flames tonight. Many have taken to the Indian river.

While fighting the big fire at Wolverine today, a call was received from Rondeau. The firemen could not leave Wolverine and several buildings were consumed by the flames.

### LINER MONGOLIA ARRIVES

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's Liner Mongolia which was due to arrive yesterday anchored at the Quarantine Ground early this morning. Among the passengers on board are Madame Wu Ting Fung, the wife of the Chinese Ambassador to Washington and party.

### APPOINTED BISHOP.

CHICAGO, June 20.—The Rev. Paul C. Rhode of St. Michaels Roman Catholic Church, South Chicago received official notification from the Pala legation at Washington yesterday that he had been appointed auxiliary bishop of Chicago. The communication was from Mgr. Falconio.

## TAFT GIVEN BIG WELCOME

### Joyful Home-Coming for the Nominee

### GREETED BY THOUSANDS

### The Vice-Presidential Nominee Also in the Cheering Throng at Cincinnati

### BOTH ARE STRONG AND WELL

### First to Grasp His Hand is His Brother Charles F. Taft, Meeting of Brothers Was Exceptionally Cordial.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, June 20.—It was a joyous home-coming for Secretary Taft. Arriving in his native city at 8:30 o'clock this morning, he was greeted at the Central Station by thousands of his long-time friends. The station was thronged with admirers of the Republican standard-bearer, who gave him an enthusiastic reception.

One of the first to grasp his hands as he stepped from the Baltimore & Ohio train was his brother, Charles P. Taft, who arrived a few minutes before from Chicago. The greeting of the brothers, who are devoted to each other was affectionately cordial. As they clasped right hands, Charles Taft threw his left over the Secretary's shoulder and gave him a loving embrace. Both were laughing as heartily as though they were boys again.

An instant later the beaming face of James S. Sherman, of New York, the nominee for Vice-President, appeared in the throng.

"Hello, Sherman," shouted Secretary Taft, extending his hand cordially to his running mate. "I'm mighty glad to see you. You don't look as if you had passed through the siege of a nominating convention."

"I never felt better," responded Mr. Sherman. "We had a great convention and I take this opportunity to say to you that the result, so far as you are concerned, was equally great. I want personally to join with the country in extending my congratulations."

Together, behind a throng of citizens, members of the Blaine and Stamina Republican Clubs, each carrying a blue pennant bearing a likeness of the War Secretary, the candidates, arm in arm, walked to the entrance of the station, where they were received by a committee from the Chamber of Commerce, headed by Captain Thomas P. Egan, president of the Chamber. J. G. Schmidt, a member of the committee, had met the secretary on his train, about 10 miles from the city. The general committee of welcome on behalf of the citizens of Cincinnati, was headed by Colonel Leopold Markbreit, Mayor of the city.

### CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

#### C. B. Bratton, Former Secret Service Man Charged With Incendiarism.

VICTORIA, June 20.—C. B. Bratton, the local agent of the Metropolitan Insurance Company, was arrested this afternoon on a charge of incendiarism. He was caught coming from the Board of Trade basement from which the flames were bursting. Bratton was formerly in the employ of the United States secret service.

### BASEBALL GAMES.

#### National League.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 0, 7, Cincinnati 1, 0.  
At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 1, 2, Pittsburgh 2, 0.  
At New York—New York 4, Chicago 0.  
At Boston—Boston 3, St. Louis 9.

#### American League.

At St. Louis—St. Louis 4, New York 2.  
At Chicago—Chicago 1, Boston 0.  
At Detroit—Detroit 4, Washington 2.  
At Cleveland—Cleveland 4, Philadelphia 2.

#### Pacific Coast League.

At Oakland—Oakland 9, Portland 0 (game called in seventh inning on account of rain).  
At Spokane—Vancouver 1, Spokane 4.  
At Seattle—Butte 0, Aberdeen 5.  
At Los Angeles—Los Angeles 5, San Francisco 3.  
At Tacoma—Seattle 0, Tacoma 3.

### FOUR INDIANS KILLED

#### War With Yaqui Indians Is Now On In Earnest.

MEXICO CITY, June 20.—The Yaqui war has begun in earnest and American and Mexican troops are pursuing the Indians as before the recent futile peace arrangements were arranged. In a battle which occurred at the town of Puenia Vista, near Canton del Mordesta, in the state of Chihuahua four Indians were killed yesterday and several wounded. The soldiers one man wounded. The troops were aided in their fight by the towns people of Buena Vista.

## ADOPTS A NEW CODE

### Representatives of the Retail and Wholesale Lumbermen

### FORM A NEW ASSOCIATION

#### Temporary Officers Are Elected For the "Lumber Trade Congress" Code of Ethics Consists of 17 Clauses Governing Questions.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 20.—The representatives of retail and wholesale lumbermen today adopted a new code of ethics consisting of 17 clauses governing the question of orders, claims for damages or failure to deliver, the terms of sale and matter of arbitration difficulties to buyer and seller. Have also formed a new association to be known as the "Lumber Trade Congress." Temporary officers elected are:

John A. Bruce, Strades, La., chairman; secretary-treasurer, A. B. Wastell, Portland, Or.; vice-chairman, George E. Merrill, Salt Lake. All matters relating to the shingle industry referred to committee: G. W. Hotchkiss, Chicago; W. C. Miles, Globe, Wash.; H. S. Stein, B. H. Beekman and R. W. Douglas, Seattle.

### BANKER'S CONVENTION.

#### At North Yakima the Officers Are Chosen For Ensuing Year.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., June 20.—The thirteenth annual convention of the Washington Bankers' Association closed here today. At the final session the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year. President W. L. Adams, Hoquiam; vice-president, A. F. Albertson, Tacoma; secretary, P. C. Kauffman, Tacoma; treasurer, J. K. McCormick, Palouse; executive council, E. W. Purdy, Bellingham; W. R. Stockbridge, Everett; R. L. Butler, Spokane; G. V. Holt, Seattle; George Donald, North Yakima; Miles C. Moore, Walla Walla, was selected as representative of executive to meeting of American Bankers' Association.

## DISCUSSES CONVENTION

### In Bryan's Issue of the Commoner

### "IN FULL RETREAT"

### Will Be the Caption of His Views in the Next Issue of His Paper

### THE LA FOLLETTE REFORMS

### He Says "Injunction Plank is a Retreat From Position Taken by the President and Taft in Their Late Speeches.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 20.—Under caption of "In full retreat," William J. Bryan, in his next issue of the Commoner will discuss the Republican National Convention as follows:

"The Republicans who attended the national convention as spectators and joined in the demonstration in favor of President Roosevelt and Senator La Follette, must have felt indignant as it reached the panic-stricken delegates, running over each other in order to get away from the La Follette reforms, some of which have been endorsed by the president himself. Cooper of Wisconsin representing the La Follette platform, and brought in a minority report signed by himself alone. Fifty-two members of the committee signed the majority report and one signed the minority report. The republican party will find the ratio of 52 to 1 a very embarrassing one to deal with in the coming campaign."

In the same vein he alluded to Cooper's plank favoring legislation providing for a publicity campaign contributions and its defeat by a majority of nine to one, notwithstanding the president and Secretary Taft had advocated it and that Taft had written a letter to Chairman Burrows of the convention advocating the passage of such a bill.

"How fortunate," says Bryan, "it was that Taft's letter was discovered and published. Who will deny that on this subject the republican party is retreating."

Next he alludes to the defeat of a plank recommending the valuation of railroads by a vote of nearly 15 to 1. "Yet President Roosevelt has advocated this very proposition. Here is a retreat on the railroad question." Bryan says the injunction plank is a retreat from the position taken by the president and Taft in their speeches.

"The president advocated an income tax as a means of preventing swollen fortunes and of equalizing the burdens of the government. The republican platform is silent on this subject. Was the president right? Was the convention wrong in not endorsing him? Will the republican voters follow the president or will they follow the republican organization in retreating from it?"

While declaring that the president advocated an inheritance tax and the convention is silent, Bryan asks: "Did the president give a false alarm on this question or has the republican party sounded a retreat?"

Bryan asserts that the president in his message last spring presented a conspiracy against the law-breakers to prevent the enforcement of law. "The platform adoption contains no intimation of danger. Was the president mistaken or are the republican

managers deceived when they think aroused public opinion will calmly contemplate the encroachments of predatory wealth. This is retreat No. 6.

Bryan notes that the plank favoring the popular election of the United States senators by a popular election was rejected by a vote of more than 7 to 1. He admits that Roosevelt and Taft never advocated this measure, but Bryan maintains that it is the most popular reform in the country today. He says it has been endorsed by three republican houses of representatives and by nearly two thirds of the states of the Union, and yet, "In spite of the record made in the house of representatives and by the various states, this reform is rejected by a 7 to 1 vote in the republican national convention."

"Here are seven propositions upon which the republican party has retreated. What have the Roosevelt republicans to say?"

Bryan says the president has awakened the reform element in his party and asks if the spirit can now be quelled by the "Stand-Pat Convention?"

"Millions of the republicans have enlisted at the president's call to arms. Will they furl the banners and turn back merely because the president acquiesces in sounding of the retreat?"

### TAFT PASSES THROUGH

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., June 20.—Secretary of War Taft, passed through this city at 3:22 this morning on the Baltimore and Ohio R. en route from Washington to his home in Cincinnati.

## OLD EDITOR DEAD

### D. C. Jenkins, Well Known Newspaper Man

### BORN AT VICKSBURG IN 1825

#### Was Owner and Chief Editor of the New Orleans Delta and Later of the Picayune—Dies at the Age of Eighty-three.

LOS ANGELES, June 20.—Donilton Caffery Jenkins, in the 50s and 60s one of the best known newspaper editors in the country, being owner and chief of the New Orleans Delta and later of the Picayune, died at Sierra Madre yesterday, aged 83. After removing from New Orleans Mr. Jenkins went to Galveston where he was editor-in-chief and vice-president of the Galveston News. When the Dalls News annexed to the Galveston Journal when Mr. Jenkins edited it. After securing a comfortable fortune he sold his interest in the two papers and moved to Los Angeles where he made his home. He was born in Vicksburg in 1825. He leaves a widow, one son and five daughters.

### "HYDE-BENSON CASE"

#### Jury Locked up All Day But Fail to Agree.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—The jury in the Hyde-Benson case has been locked up all day. Judge Stafford gave instructions this evening, that if an agreement was reached before 10 o'clock he would come to court, but at that hour they were still locked and he gave instructions for them not to consider the case on Sunday. The jury will be taken out tomorrow.

### TRIED MONDAY.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., June 20.—Steve's Adams' trial for the murder of Arthur Collins, will be heard next Monday.